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STATE ALSO PASS US CUSTOMS FOR LAIRD ALLSHOUSE; PARIS FOR US  
CUSTOMS AND DEA

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR, NL  
SUBJ: NARCOTICS TRAINING-CUSTOMS

REF: (A) STATE 21418, (B) STATE 209244, (C) HAGUE 4869,  
(D) HAGUE 5657

1. DCM HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM STATE SECRETARY FOR  
FINANCE CONTAINING FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING COURSE IN WASHINGTON  
NOT OPPORTUNE FOR DUTCH CUSTOMS.

(B) STATE SECRETARY IS, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO ALLOW  
FIVE (5) OFFICERS TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO-WEEK COURSE  
WHICH US CUSTOMS COULD GIVE IN NETHERLANDS.

(C) EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT MINISTRY TO WORK OUT DETAILS.

2. WE HAVE CONTACTED INSPECTOR OF CUSTOMS PENRIS AT FINANCE  
MINISTRY TO SUGGEST THAT DETAILS OF COURSE CONTENT, FACILI-  
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TIES REQUIRED, ETC., BE DISCUSSED DIRECTLY BETWEEN DUTCH

CUSTOMS AND US CUSTOMS REP, AND INQUIRED AS TO ACCEPTABILITY OF VISIT TO THE HAGUE FOR THAT PURPOSE IN NEAR FUTURE BY US CUSTOMS REP. PENRIS ASSURES US CUSTOMS REP WELCOME AT ANY TIME TO DISCUSS DETAILS.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE SMALL NUMBER OF "STUDENTS" MINISTRY IS WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE AS A "FIRST INSTALLMENT", COSTS OF SETTING UP IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NETHERLANDS ARE, IN EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT, FULLY JUSTIFIED. FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ARE PERTINENT AND PERSUASIVE:

(A) OUR EFFORTS TO STIMULATE UPPER LEVELS OF GON TO ACTION IN DRUG FIELD SHOW SIGNS OF STARTING TO PAY OFF: IN ADDITION TO PRESENT INSTANCE, JUST-CONCLUDED VISIT TO US OF JUSTICE MINISTER VAN AGT IS NOTABLE EXAMPLE (VAN AGT RETURNED WITH APPARENT DETERMINATION TO TAKE SEVERAL POSITIVE INITIATIVES ON ENFORCEMENT SIDE). THIS SHIFT FROM NEUTRAL TO FIRST GEAR NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED SO THAT DUTCH WON'T HESITATE TO SHIFT TO SECOND.

(B) MINISTRY FINANCE REACTION SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS BUT SEEN RATHER AS AN IMPORTANT POLICY BREAKTHROUGH IN THE FACE OF A TOTALLY AND CONSISTENTLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD EVEN IN-COUNTRY TRAINING.

(C) APPROVAL FOR DEA IN-COUNTRY SCHOOL HAS ALSO RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN (BY JUSTICE MINISTRY), AND WE ARE AWAITING ONLY OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION FROM GON.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT REALIZATION OF CUSTOMS IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP IN MAINTAINING MOMENTUM OF NEW-FOUND RESOLVE IN SOME QUARTERS OF GON, EVEN IF PROSPECT FOR SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED BORDER CONTROL IS LIMITED, AT LEAST INITIALLY. WE ALSO BELIEVE DEA AND US CUSTOMS SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO SCHEDULE RESPECTIVE IN-COUNTRY SCHOOLS SO THAT PROGRAMS ARE NOT IN PROGRESS SIMULTANEOUSLY, THEREBY AFFORDING ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDIA EXPOSURE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SCHEDULE VISIT TO THE HAGUE BY CUSTOMS TRAINING REP AT EARLIEST DATE FOR PURPOSE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSING IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM WITH FINANCE MINISTRY REPS. WE WILL TRANSMIT DATE TO DUTCH AND ASCERTAIN THEIR ACCEPTANCE.  
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